FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY RELEASES 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Pensacola, Fla. – Today, the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) released the Escambia Health 2017 Year in Review, which features program highlights and health information for Escambia County, Florida residents. To view the full report online, visit issuu.com. To download a printable PDF version, click here.

The Escambia Health 2017 Year in Review focuses on activities from the 2017 calendar year that made meaningful contributions to our mission to protect, promote and improve the health of our community as well as other communities across the state.

Some Highlights from the 2017 Year in Review

- During the Atlantic hurricane season, FDOH-Escambia staff set up Special Needs Shelters in multiple Florida counties and assisted in performing more than 2,000 healthcare facility assessments, environmental assessments, and epidemiological investigations. Staff also worked at the Disaster Relief Center in Orlando, FL to assist impacted persons from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.
- Tuberculosis Prevention and Control staff received the 2017 Prudential Productivity Award by implementing a quicker, more cost-effective medication regimen, which resulted in a 100 percent therapy completion rate for latent TB cases and significant savings for Florida taxpayers.
- The Communications team and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition program
 produced an educational video about our WIC walk-in clinic services for nationwide use
 in the USDA federal WIC program. View the Escambia County's WIC Walk-In Clinic Video.
- Our organization increased public access to information and responsiveness to stakeholders through Twitter.
- The Area 1 HIV/AIDS and STD programs' after-hours HIV/Syphilis testing clinic saw its largest attendance since its initiation.
- Total vaccinations increased by more than 16 percent from 2016.

For more information about FDOH-Escambia programs and services, visit www.EscambiaHealth.com.

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